



**STATE OF NEVADA  
COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

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**Thursday, August 14, 2003  
9:30 a.m.**

**Nevada State Legislature  
401 South Carson Street, Room 3137  
Carson City, Nevada 89701**

and, via videoconference:

**Grant Sawyer State Office Building  
555 East Washington Avenue, Room 4406  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101**

**MINUTES**

These minutes constitute a summary of the above proceedings of the Nevada Commission on Ethics.  
A verbatim transcript of the open session proceedings, prepared by a certified court reporter,  
is available for inspection at the Commission office.

**Commission Members Present:**

Thomas R. Sheets, Esq., Chairman; Rick Hsu, Esq., Vice Chairman;  
Todd Russell, Esq.; Caren Jenkins, Esq.; William Flangas, P.E.

**Commission Member Absent:**

Jim Kosinski, Esq; Lizzie R. Hatcher, Esq.; Merle Berman

**Commission on Ethics Staff Present:**

Stacy M. Jennings, Executive Director; Nancy Lee Varnum, Commission Counsel;  
Beverly L. Amundson, Administrative Assistant

**Parties Present:**

Lynette Boggs McDonald, Las Vegas City Councilwoman;  
Brad Jerbic, Esq., City of Las Vegas representing  
Lynette Boggs McDonald, Las Vegas City Councilwoman;  
Jo Anna Wesley-Winn

**Others Present:**

Diana Shagun, Public Information Officer, City of Las Vegas;  
Stephen McDonald; Trina Robinson

Chairman Thomas Sheets called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, August 14, 2003.

Agenda Item 1 – Advisory Opinion Request 03-03 submitted pursuant to NRS 281.511, Subsection 1 (confidentiality waived)

In open session, pursuant to NRS 281.511, Subsection 5, the Commission heard testimony, received evidence, and deliberated on Advisory Opinion Request 03-34 submitted pursuant to NRS 281.511, Subsection 1, by Las Vegas City Councilwoman Lynette Boggs McDonald (confidentiality waived).

A motion was made by Commissioner Russell and seconded by Commissioner Flangas that the Commission advise Ms. Boggs McDonald that she is required to comply with the provisions of the Nevada ethics laws in all forms and manner in regards to her sitting on the Las Vegas City Council, and in particular, that she must make full disclosure in compliance with the statutes and abstain in accordance with the statutes. The Commission further advised that Ms. Boggs McDonald's disclosure could be improved upon with respect to disclosing why she doesn't think there is a nexus between issues and Station Casinos, or why she doesn't think that this would affect Station Casinos from a competitor's standpoint. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

Chairman Sheets commented further that the formal written decision will incorporate the requirements or at least make reference to the requirements that were set out quite eloquently in the Woodbury opinion and it will expand upon the issue of notice on these and the type of disclosure Ms. Boggs McDonald will have make consistent with what the comments were today.

Agenda Item 2 - Consider, Deliberate, and Decide an Appeal of the Commission's Action with Regard to the Request for Waiver or Reduction of Civil Penalty

In open session the Commission considered, deliberated, and decided an appeal of the Commission's action with regard to the request for waiver or reduction of civil penalty for failure to timely file an annual financial disclosure statement pursuant to NRS 281.561 by JoAnna Wesley-Winn.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flangas and seconded by Commissioner Russell to reduce the civil penalty of JoAnna Wesley-Winn to \$25. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 3 - Approve the Minutes of the July 10, 2003 Commission Meeting

In open session, the Commission discussed the minutes of the July 10, 2003 Commission meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Russell and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the minutes. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

Agenda Items 4 –Pursuant to NAC 281.187 Consider Information, Deliberate the Matter, and, if Appropriate, Initiate an Ethics Complaint against a Public Officer or Public Employee on the Commission’s Own Motion pursuant to NRS 281.511(2)(c)

Closed session discussion and deliberation.

Agenda Item 5 - Open Session for Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Chairman Sheets adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes transcribed by:

Minutes approved September 11, 2003.

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/s/  
Beverly L. Amundson  
Administrative Assistant

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/s/  
Thomas R. Sheets, Esq.  
Chairman